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**Suspension**

All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, ex parte prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

**Information Disclosure**

The IDS filed 6/15/05 has been considered but will not be printed. As the documents are primary directed toward priority issues, which is the jurisdiction of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the Examiner will not comment on the references. Nothing in the documents affects the determination of patentability by the Examiner.

**Conclusion**

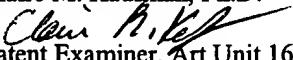
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Claire M. Kaufman, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0873. Dr. Kaufman can generally be reached Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30AM to 2:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Caputa, can be reached at (571) 272-0829.

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